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COLOMBIA.

Yellow fever and smallpox in Panama.

PANAMA, August 1, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to say that by a report made to me by the chairman of the board of health of Panama, I am able to give you the following summary of the yellow fever at this port from its beginning in May last:

It shows that the first case appeared on May 2, 1899, and from that date to July 21, there had been 74 cases. Of these 39 were fatal and 35 were cured. Since July 21 there has been no yellow fever here. There was 1 case of smallpox landed here from one of the south steamers, but it was taken in charge by the authorities and well cared for. This case was fatal.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

H. A. GUDGER,
United States Consul-General.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

No yellow fever in Cartagena.

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, July 27, 1899.

SIR: I beg to report that not a single case of yellow fever exists in this consular district and surrounding country. The city is perfectly healthy.

Respectfully, yours,

RAFAEL MADRIGAL,
United States Consul.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Sanitary report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, August 4, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to present my report for the week ended August 3, 1899. I inclose the mortuary report for the week, together with the report of infectious diseases furnished the chief sanitary inspector of the city.

Six cases of yellow fever were reported this week, with 2 deaths, fairly scattered in town. One was taken from a vessel, the brigantine *Lista*, who had been only three days aboard her. She was lying in the stream when he sickened; the vessel has been disinfected.

From the above it is obvious that the amount of yellow fever in town is trifling, and that the conditions are unfavorable for its prevalence; for, occurring as it has done in as many and widely spread localities (in most instances the origin being unknown), its lack of spread is due to some other cause than the existence of insufficient foci to start its dissemination.

The methods of house quarantine, isolation, and disinfection are continued by the sanitary authorities here in cases of yellow fever.

Respectfully, yours,

H. R. CARTER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.